



Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee
Responding to the Coronavirus

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Student-Centered, COVID-19 Principles

- A safe, healthy environment
- Ethic of personal responsibility
- Enhanced facility cleaning protocols
- Comprehensive communication
- A team of professionals, ready to serve



Early Operating Decisions.

Students:

- No tuition charged from March 16 until June 1
- Canvas available for those interested in progressing
- Close coordination with school districts for High School grading
- Probationary contracts frozen
- Graduation canceled
- Counseling available (MTECH and/or SafeUT Counselors)

Faculty & Staff:

- Curriculum updates and modifications
- Individual work-plans for all employees
- Professional development training
- Counseling available (MTECH and/or SafeUT Counselors)



Innovative Infrastructure.

- **K-16 Alliance**
- **Emergency Planning & Preparations**
- **Office of Teaching and Learning**
- **Canvas Learning Management System**
- **Communication Infrastructure**
 - **Rave Emergency Alert System**
 - **Constant Contact Email Management**
 - **Google Meets for Town Hall Meetings**
- **MTECH Team**
 - **Staff & Faculty**
 - **Board of Trustees**



Innovative Expansion.

- **Hybrid Learning Across all Programs**
 - **Apprenticeship Pilot**
- **Curriculum Delivery Refinement**
- **Professional Development**
- **Town Hall / Q&A Sessions - Staff & Student Connectivity**
- **Medical Staff deployed for COVID-19 Testing**



COVID-19 Reminded Us That:

- Our team is ready.
- In-person, hands-on learning is essential.
- No plan is perfect or fixed.
- Sound decisions require thoughtful input from stakeholders and healthcare experts.
- Clear & consistent communication is essential.
- Hybrid Instruction is ~~the future~~





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